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MODIFIED RETINOBLASTOMA

TUMOR SUPPRESSOR PROTEINS

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<u>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box AF

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit herewith (a) Exhibit A: a marked up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein; (b) Exhibit B: pending claims upon entry of present amendment; (c) a Petition for an Extension of Time for filing a Response for three months from July 10, 2002 up to and including October 10, 2002, accompanied by the appropriate fee; (d) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet; (e) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; (f) a List of References Cited by Applicant; (g) copies of references A4 and C38-C49; and (h) a Request for Continued Examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 2-10, 13, 14, 16-20, 31-34, and 44-48 without prejudice.

Amend claims 1, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 36 as follows:

1 (thrice amended). A DNA segment comprising an isolated nucleic acid,

wherein said nucleic acid comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:28; SEQ ID NO:30; SEQ ID NO:32; SEQ ID NO:34; SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ

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